

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday 3rd November 2013

IRTS AGM 2014 – March 22nd & 23rd

The 2014 IRTS AGM will take place in Salthill, Galway. The Annual Dinner, Rally and AGM will be hosted by Galway VHF Group, to be held in Galway Bay Hotel, Salthill, County Galway. Saturday and Sunday 22nd and 23rd March 2014. Please add an entry to your diaries for this important IRTS event.

Mayo Radio Experimenters Network Annual Rally

Sunday November 17th is the date for the forthcoming annual rally organised by MREN. The venue is the aptly named Welcome Inn, Castlebar, County Mayo. Doors open at 11am. Further information and details available from www.ei7mre.org

Ex-Commercial Marconi & Naval Radio Equipment

Anyone interested in acquiring ex-commercial Marconi and Naval radio equipment can do so by making a suitable donation to a merchant navy charity, RNLI, or Radio Officers Association. The equipment is stored in southern England. September 1st 2014 is the final day for storage. Further details and information is available from George Clive Evans on email, [georgecliveevans /at/ yahoo.co.uk](mailto:georgecliveevans/at/yahoo.co.uk).

Radio Examination Success

The North Cork Radio Group would like to congratulate all successful candidates that took the recent HAREC exam at Com Reg offices on the 10th October last.

One of the candidates was Jordan Cummins aged only 14, who is a member of the Group and is the son of Lisa EI9GSB and Tony EI3GAB.

Jordan was one of the EI team who attended YOTA in Estonia in August. His interest grew majorly in the hobby as a result of the YOTA experience and he vowed at the venue that he would study for and sit the exam in October. He kept his word and put in many hours of study which resulted in him passing the exam, he was notified of his

result on 23rd Oct.

Not only did he pass the exam but he has become Ireland's youngest operator. Jordan has the new call sign of EI4HLB.

So thanks is in order to NCRG for the assistance, to the IRTS for their support in sending him to YOTA, to Ger McNamara for his help and encouragement throughout the activation and beyond, and finally to his family for all the assistance and study help he received, despite the tough aspects of the course.

Again, congrats to all candidates and we look forward to hearing new calls on the air soon.

International Museums Weekend Special Event 2014

The 2014 IMW will take place on the two weekends of the 14th/15th and 21st/22nd June 2014. More details about the event, its history and how to register to take part can be found at www.ukradioamateur.co.uk/imw/

DX News

The delayed DXpedition to Wake Island has been rescheduled to run from 3 -15 November. The 12-man team will use the callsign K9W. They aim to have two CW and two SSB stations on the air. Wake Island is a US military base and accordingly access is limited so if you need this one for your DXCC Award now is the time to work it. Full details of the DXpedition can be found on www.wake2013.org

Another major DXpedition this month will see T33A on the air from Banaba Island. Banaba is the most westerly island in the Republic of Kiribati and counts as a separate entity for the DXCC Award. A multi-national team will be operational from 5 – 18 November. More details can be found on www.t33a.com

Another multi-national group will be QRV as XR0ZR from Robinson Crusoe Island in the Juan Fernandez Archipelago from 8 – 20 November. The island is named after the fictional Robinson Crusoe who appeared in the well known novel by Daniel Defoe. Further details can be found on www.juanfernandez2013.com

A small team of four operators will be active as YJ0ZS from the Republic of Vanuatu from 1 – 11 November. They will be QRV on all bands 160 – 6m. QSLs go via JA2Z.

Hurdy Gurdy Radio Museum

The Hurdy Gurdy Museum of Vintage Radio in Howth will be open every day during Science Week, November 10-17, from 11 am to 3 pm. Admission is FREE on every day.

Items for inclusion in next week's Radio News can be submitted via e-mail to "newsteam /at/ irts / dot / ie" for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services. Urgent news items for the radio news maybe telephoned to the radio news editor, Aidan, EI7JC on 085 7100511.

Please note that items for the radio news should reach the editor no later than midday on Thursday in order to be guaranteed inclusion in the following Sunday's bulletin.

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